

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

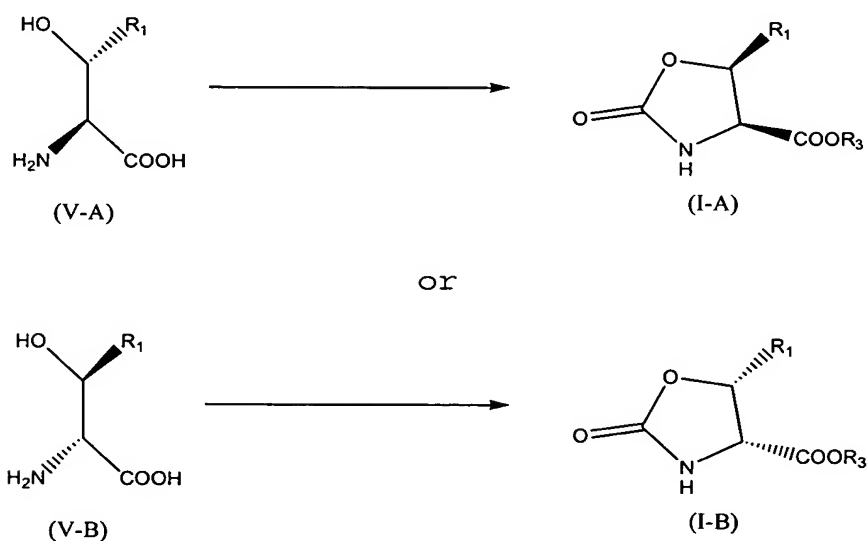
Please cancel claims 1-5 and 7-11, without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (amended): A method for production of a compound represented by the general formula (I-A) or the general formula (I-B), comprising the step of protecting the amino group of a compound represented by the general formula (V-A) or the general formula (V-B) with $R^2OC(=O)-$, wherein R^2 is a lower alkyl, an optionally substituted aralkyl, or an optionally substituted heteroarylalkyl as described above, esterifying the carboxyl group thereof, and treating with thionyl chloride as follows:



wherein R^1 is an optionally substituted lower alkyl, an optionally substituted aryl, an alkynyl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl and R^3 is a lower alkyl ~~are as described above.~~

Claims 7-11 (canceled).